SECOND REGULAR SESSION SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 1114

93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Education, April 3, 2006, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 171.031, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to a standardized opening date for all public schools.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 171.031, RSMo, is repealed and one new section 2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 171.031, to read as follows:

171.031. 1. Each school board shall prepare annually a calendar for the school term, specifying the opening date and providing a minimum term of at

B least one hundred seventy-four days and one thousand forty-four hours of actual

1 pupil attendance.

2. The state board of education annually shall establish a target school start date. Each local board of education shall vote annually to accept the target date or to adopt an alternative start date while asserting the reason for varying from the target date. However, such reason shall not include additional preparation time for any academic assessment.

3. No school day shall be longer than seven hours except for vocational schools which may adopt an eight-hour day in a metropolitan school district and a school district in a first class county adjacent to a city not within a county.